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Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

Re: Section 63.71 Application of Shentel Cable Company d/b/a Shentel for Discontinuance of Telecommunications Services

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Enclosed please find the original and six (6) copies of the Application of Shentel Cable Company d/b/a Shentel ("Shentel") for authority to discontinue the provision of certain telecommunications services on or before August 22, 2011.

I have enclosed an extra copy of this filing. Please stamp this extra copy with the Commission's acknowledgement of receipt and return to our messenger.

Sincerely,

Davis Wright Tremaine LLP

Bradley W. Guyton
Counsel for Shentel Cable Company d/b/a Shentel

cc: Special Assistant for Telecommunications, Secretary of Defense, U.S. Dept. of Defense,
Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301
The Honorable Earl Ray Tomblin, Governor of the State of West Virginia
Public Service Commission of West Virginia

Encl.

**BEFORE THE
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of Section 63.71 Application of

Shentel Cable Company d/b/a Shentel for
Authority Pursuant to Section 214 of the
Communications Act to Discontinue
Telecommunications Services

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SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION TO DISCONTINUE SERVICE

Shentel Cable Company d/b/a Shentel ("Shentel"), by counsel, hereby seeks authorization pursuant to Section 214(a) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 214(a), and Section 63.71 of the Commission's Rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71, to discontinue its provision of interconnected Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) service to customers in the Hotchkiss and Slab Fork, West Virginia area on or before August 22, 2011.

The planned discontinuance will apply only to Shentel's interconnected VoIP service provided to Hotchkiss and Slab Fork-area customers (the "Discontinued Service"). Other services offered by Shentel to Hotchkiss and Slab Fork-area customers are not affected by this discontinuance. Similarly, services offered by Shentel to customers in areas other than Hotchkiss and Slab Fork, West Virginia are also not affected by the planned discontinuance.

The impact on the public of the planned discontinuance will be minimal because there are just six (6) customers for the Discontinued Service. All of the affected customers are residential customers; there are no affected business customers.

In support of this Application, Shentel provides the following information.

I. Information Required by 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(a)(1) – (a)(4)

1. Name and Address of Carrier

Shentel Cable Company d/b/a Shentel
P.O. Box 459
Edinburg, VA 22824
Attn: Ann Flowers

2. Date of Planned Service Discontinuance

Shentel plans to discontinue the provision of the Discontinued Service on or before August 22, 2011.

3. Points of Geographic Areas of Service Affected

Shentel is discontinuing the Discontinued Service, as described above, to customers in the Hotchkiss and Slab Fork, West Virginia area. However, other services offered by Shentel to Hotchkiss and Slab Fork-area customers are not affected by this discontinuance. Similarly, services offered by Shentel to customers in areas other than Hotchkiss and Slab Fork, West Virginia are also not affected by the planned discontinuance.

4. Description of Type of Service Affected

As described above, Shentel will discontinue the provision of interconnected VoIP service to existing customers in the Hotchkiss and Slab Fork, West Virginia area. Shentel's interconnected VoIP service provides local and long distance voice services, and ancillary services, over a broadband connection.

II. Notice to Customers

In accordance with 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(a), Shentel has notified all affected customers of the planned discontinuance of the Discontinued Service. Specifically, Shentel sent notification letters via U.S. Mail to each of the affected customers on June 21, 2011. These notices included

all of the information required by 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(a)(1) – (a)(4), as well as the statement applicable to non-dominant carriers set forth in 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(a)(5)(i).

In the notification letters mailed to affected customers, Shentel offered to assist customers who need help finding a new service provider and provided a toll-free number for this purpose. A sample notice is attached to this Application as Exhibit A.

III. Non-Dominant Status

Shentel is a non-dominant carrier with respect to the Discontinued Service.

IV. Notice to States and the Secretary of Defense

In accordance with 47 C.F.R. 63.71(a), Shentel has mailed a copy of this Application to the West Virginia Public Service Commission and the Governor of the State of West Virginia, as well as to the Secretary of Defense.

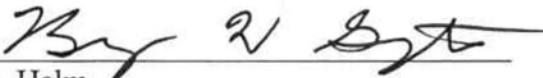
V. Designated Contacts

Correspondence concerning this Application should be directed to:

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WHEREFORE, Shentel Cable Company d/b/a Shentel respectfully requests that the Commission authorize the discontinuance of the Shentel Discontinued Service on or before August 22, 2011.

Respectfully submitted:

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Dated: June 22, 2011



500 Shentel Way • P.O. Box 459 • Edinburg, VA 22824 • (540) 984-4141

June 21, 2011

Dear Shentel telephone customer:

On August 22, 2011, Shentel Cable Company (d/b/a Shentel) will discontinue telephone service to customers in the Hotchkiss and Slab Fork, WV area. Your Shentel telephone service is an interconnected Voice over Internet Protocol ("VoIP") service that provides local and long distance calling. Should you wish to continue landline telephone service, you will need to select a new provider for your service prior to August 22, 2011. Please contact us at 800.409.1203 if you need assistance.

FCC Notice: The FCC will normally authorize this proposed discontinuance of service unless it is shown that customers would be unable to receive service or a reasonable substitute from another carrier or that the public convenience and necessity is otherwise adversely affected. If you wish to object, you should file your comments as soon as possible, but no later than 15 days after the Commission releases public notice of the proposed discontinuance. Address them to the Federal Communications Commission, Wireline Competition Bureau, Competition Policy Division, Washington, DC 20554, and include in your comments a reference to the Sec. 63.71 Application of Shentel Cable Company. Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance upon you or your company, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service.

We regret any inconvenience this may cause.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David E. Ferguson", written in a cursive style.

David E. Ferguson
VP of Customer Services